GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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CENTRAL ADOPTION RESOURCES AGENCY
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Adoption Resources Agency (CARA) disbursed grants for the year1999-2000 and 2000-2001 to all the concerned Anathashrams of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the Shradanand Mahila Ashram and Vatsalaya Trust in Mumbai has not got the grants;

(c) whether any representation has been received in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that previous year`s reasonable rational grants has not been sanctioned and disbursed till now;

(f) if so, the reasons thereof; and
(g) the action taken by the department so that these children of these orphanages need not suffer due to lack of co-ordination within the department?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) A statement on disbursement of grants under the Scheme of Assistance to Homes (ShishuGreh) for Children to Promote In-country Adoption` for the year 1999-00 and 2000-01 for the State of Maharashtra is placed at Annexure-`A`.

(b) Vathsalya Trust, Mumbai has been released Rs.11,66,400/- as grant-in-aid for the year 1999-00 and 2000-01. With regard to Shraddhanand Mahila Ashram, they last applied and received grant under this scheme in the year 1995-96 and thereafter they have sent application for grant-in-aid for the year 2000-01 which is under examination.

(c) & (d) The Ministry has received representations from the Organisations and letters fromHon`ble members of Parliament for release of funds to them.

(e), (f) & (g) Grant-in-aid for previous years is governed by rule no. 149(4) of the General Financial Rules, wherein grant-in-aid may be sanctioned to meet the expenditure already incurred not earlier than a year prior to the date of issue of the sanction. As such grant-in-aid for a period more than one year back would be time barred. Delay in disbursing of grant-in-aid may be attributed to late receipt of applications, inspection report of State Govt. and its recommendation, incomplete documents etc. The Ministry has been writingto all State Governments and grantee NGOs to submit their applications in time.Guidelines for submitting such applications within the prescribed time frame have also been issued by the Ministry in order to avoid delays and consequent time barred cases. Inthe case of Vathsalya Trust the request for grant-in-aid for previous years is under consideration.